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## Office Action Summary

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### Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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### Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_.

## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 1, 15 and 16 are vague, as they fail to point out the invention.

Claims 2-14, 17-20 are also rejected because claims 2-14 and 17-20 are depending on claims 1 and 16.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

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4. Claims 1-20 as best understood are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Factorization with uncertainty, by Irani ("Irani") ECCV 2000 in view of Digital Image processing, by Baxes ("Baxes").

With respect to claim 1, Irani discloses method of recovering the non rigid 3D shape and motion by determining the correspondence of the set of features, factoring the correspondence in to a motion and shape matrix and extracting the 3D model from the factored motion and shape, (see page 539 section 1, first three lines, section 2, and section 4-5), as claimed. However, he fails to explicitly disclose the model includes a linear basis for deformable shape of the object and rotation, deformation coefficients and translation, as claimed. But, Irani does takes in account the affine transformation (see page 541, paragraph 3, and section 2.1), and the scaling is considered in the equations for recovering the 3D model, therefore, one ordinary skilled in the art can obviously considered that the rotation, the translation and the scaling of the image i.e. the deformation, is considered in recovering the 3D model. And, as taught by Baxes in the transformation of the image data the does include the coefficients (see pages 369, 371, 373, 375) as claimed. It would have been obvious to one ordinary skilled in the art at the time of invention to simply use the teachings of the Baxes in order to come up with a 3D model in to the Irani system. The teaching of Baxes is conventional and is extensively use in any transformations of the image data.

With respect to claims 2-3, 6, 8-14 as best understood, the Irani discloses the limitations as claimed in sections 1-4, the limitations are simply bring the procedure of

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SVD transformation, SVD factorization and the covariance, and are often use in the art.

With respect to claims 4-5 and 7 as best understood, the selections of reference frames (claims 4 and 5) and the selection of region to be 5x5 (claim 7) are considered as design choice, this choice is made in order to get the best result and depend upon the ease.

Claims 15 and 16 are rejected for the same reasons as the rejection of claim 1, because claims 15 and 16 are claiming similar subject matter as claim 1.

Claims 17-20 are rejected for the same reasons as the rejection of claims 2-14, because claims 17-20 are claiming similar subject matter as claims 2-14.

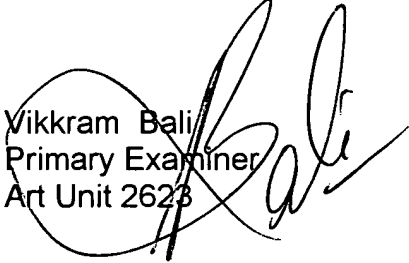
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Vikkram Bali whose telephone number is 703.305.4510. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30 AM - 4:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Amelia Au can be reached on 703.308.6604. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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